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1. PAPUA NEW GUINEA HAS A SINGLE TARIFF SCHEDULE AND DOES
NOT ACCORD PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT TO ANY COUNTRY,
INCLUDING THOSE DESCRIBED AS COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PNG IMPORT FIGURES, ALL FOB AND ALL IN AUST-
RALIAN DOLLARS. GPNG USES YEAR JUNE 1 TO MAY 31. FINAL COLUMN
IS FOR JUNE TO DECEMBER 1973 WHICH ARE LATEST DISCRETE FIGURES
AVAILABLE.

COUNTRY	1972	1973	J/D 1973
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AUSTRALIA	A\$141,330,000	A\$123,507,000	A\$59,725,000
UK	A\$11,415,000	A\$9,242,000	A\$3,558,000
CANADA	A\$2,556,000	A\$734,000	A\$787,000
NEW ZEALAND	A\$3,169,000	A\$1,844,000	A\$1,094,000
IRELAND	A\$13,000	A\$22,000	A\$11,000
SOUTH AFRICA	A\$55,000	A\$98,000	A\$86,000
USA	A\$20,232,000	A\$20,973,000	A\$7,289,000

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3. TOTAL PNG IMPORTS FOR 1972 WERE A\$256,386,000. FOR 1973

THEY WERE A\$228,815,000; AND FOR SIX MONTH PERIOD FROM JUNE
TO DECEMBER 1973 THEY WERE A\$106,205,000.

4. GIVEN SINGLE TARIFF SCHEDULE, THERE ARE NO ADVERSE EFFECTS
TO U.S. COMMERCE BY PREFERENTIAL TARIFF AGREEMENTS
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES BY PNG. TRADE DIRECTOR STATED GPNG
HAS NO INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING PREFERENCES OF ANY KIND IN
THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE.
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